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Staff meeting.

Jack Bingham talked to me about the budget presentation for Point 4.

Mr. Ford and some of his security experts gave us a fascinating briefing on Soviet listening recording devices, et cetera. The use of such apparati is so extensive that one wonders whether there is any real security in our Government buildings abroad or even in some of them here.

I talked to Messrs. Mann and Matthews about the Bolivian tin situation. They have asked us to negotiate before Christmas an agreement for a twelve-month contract for the purchase of tin. I am going to mention this to Foster Dulles tomorrow, but doubt whether he will wish to comment on it.

Messrs. Nitze, Linder, Henderson, Jernegan, Bonbright and Richards met to go over the Iranian situation, particularly the question of the Export-Import Bank loan in the amount of $25,000,000. We are recommending to Dean in Paris that he approve the making of this loan so that Henderson, upon his return to Iran next week, can convey the news to Mossadegh.

At the NSC meeting this afternoon the question of the oil cartel suit was the sole topic of business. I presented a resolution on the subject which was adopted, and which calls for a report on January 5 by State, Defense and Interior for the further consideration of the Board. The Attorney-General will be asked to be present at the same time on the legal questions involved.

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I rode back to CIA with General Smith, and had a [redacted] talk with him about [redacted] the relationship between CIA and State. He was [redacted] emphatic (and has consistently cooperated in the most careful manner) that CIA would not proceed in any foreign operations except in compliance with policy guidance by the State and Defense Departments.

Doc, Ridge Knight, Jamie and I met to consider Phil Jessup's telephone call about how our Delegation should vote on the Tunisian and Moroccan questions. We instructed him to pursue the same consistent line [redacted] he has been following.

I had a talk with Joe Koepfli about the activities of the Science Adviser's office here. He has given me a long memorandum which I must digest before talking to Foster Dulles.

The President telephoned me to say [redacted] I should instruct the American Delegation immediately to vote on the Israeli side against the Arabs on the current debate at UN on the Palestine question.

We had a dinner tonight at Blair House for the following: the Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Wrong, the Swiss Minister and Madame Bruggmann, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Linder, Mr. and Mrs. André de Limur, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bansal, Mrs. Arthur Fowler, and John Utter.

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